

Building a successful anti-hunger network that eliminates food insecurity in San Diego County.

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#### **About SDHC**

- ▶ Since 1977
- ▶ Five staff; ten volunteers
- Focus on federal food programs & local food systems





#### CalFresh Task Force

- Collective Impact Collaborative model
- 'Backbone support' to partners
- ▶ 70+ trained partner agencies
- Monthly regional meetings & trainings
- Strong communication loop with HHSA
- Pilot programs and best practice implementation





#### School Meals

Provision 2/Community Eligibility

47,000 students have free breakfast
 and lunch

- Summer Meals Task Force
  - Evaluation of summer meal programs (Jan 2014)
- Farm to School Task Force
  - 30 farms connected to14 local districts





# Local Food Systems

- Convening member of the Food System Alliance
- ▶ Partner with I-in-I0 Coalition





# Policy Advocacy



#### Local

- Urban Ag ordinances
- Food cart vendor workgroup

#### State

- Co-sponsored SBI34 regarding veterans' access to CalFresh
- Federal
  - Farm Bill



# The Farm Bill



# Reminder: How Title IV Fights Hunger

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/CalFresh)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- USDA Snack Program
- Native American Food Distribution Programs
- Hunger Free Communities Grant Programs





# How the Farm Bill Spends a Tax Dollar

### **Nutrition, Farm and Conservation Spending**

Gross Outlays Averaged Over Ten Distinct Appropriations 2002–2012

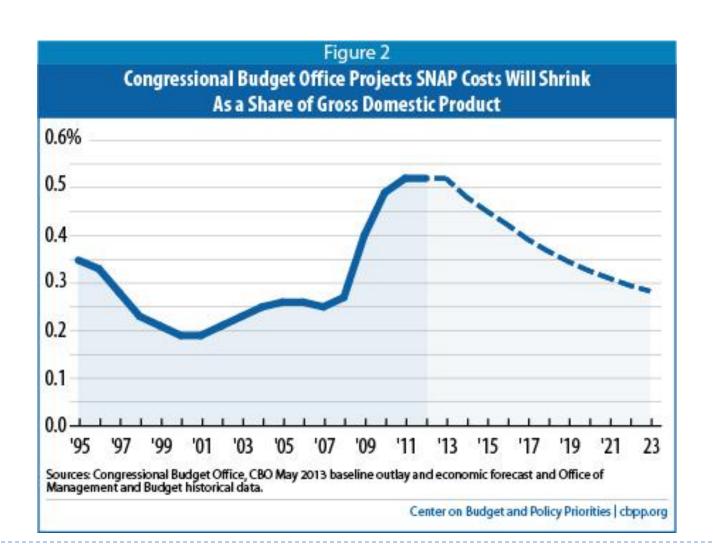




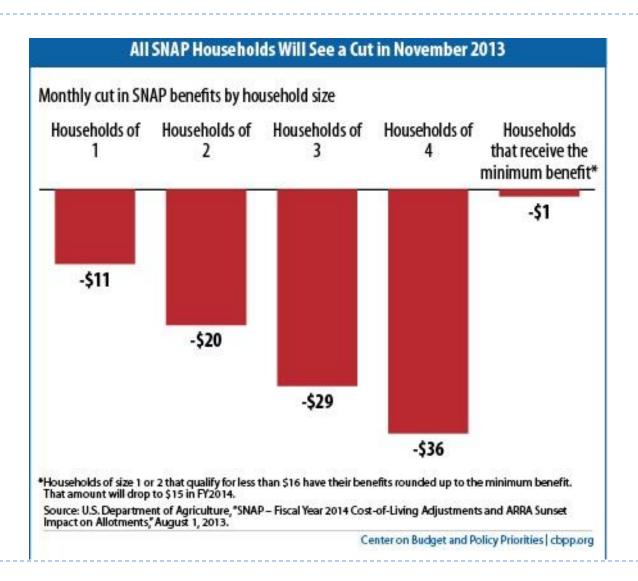
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# Projected Enrollment



#### SNAP Cuts In November





#### The 2013 Farm Bill Process

#### **SENATE**

Mark up in the Senate Agriculture Committee cuts \$4 billion from LIHEAP over the next ten years



Senate adds the Vitter
Amendment, can't agree on
what other amendments to
bring up, so just passes the
Farm Bill, 66-27.



Appoints conferees for conference committee

2014???



Conferees are having difficulty negotiating a conference report. House scheduled to finish year on Friday.



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES** 

Mark up in the House Agriculture Committee cuts \$20 billion from SNAP over the next ten years



House Republicans add poison pill SNAP work-requirement, driving away Democrat support. House stitches both parts of the bill together.



The House defeats the Farm Bill in an unprecedented 195-237.



House Republicans with no Democratic support pass an 'agriculture only' Farm Bill for the first time in thirty years, 216-208.



Outside of the formal committee process, House Republicans create a nutrition title that cuts \$40 billion in SNAP over the next ten years, passes 217-210 along party lines.

# Current Status: Conference Struggling

- Main points of contention:
  - Commodity crop safety net
  - ▶ SNAP.
- Potential SNAP cuts
  - Rumors consistently put the SNAP cut at \$8 billion over the next ten years.



# Possible Farm Bill Outcomes (Farm Bill Extension Expired September 30<sup>th</sup>)

- Farm Bill this year
- An extension for a short period of time
- Long-term extension until past the next election
- Continuing indefinitely without an extension.
- Farm Bill budget numbers overridden by large grand bargain
- The unknown





#### Other Attacks on SNAP

- December 31st, 2012 budget deal
- Sequestration
- November ARRA expiration (cut SNAP)
- Ryan Budget (provided guidance to House)
  - Cut (in theory) \$135 billion over ten years
- Possible 'Grand Bargains'
- Government shutdown = spending authority unclear





# Questions?

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